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Mr. Stanley H. Fuld  
Chairman, The National  
News Council  
1 Lincoln Plaza  
New York, N.Y. 10023

Dear Mr. Fuld,

[Redacted]  
Thank you for your letter of November 20 addressed  
to Director Colby.

I am forwarding to you a copy of the remarks made  
by Mr. Colby before the House Select Committee on  
Intelligence on Thursday, November 6.

I hope this will be helpful to the National News  
Council.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer  
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(CIA-JOURNALISTS)

NEW YORK (UPI) -- THE NATIONAL NEWS COUNCIL HAS CALLED UPON THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA TO MAKE PUBLIC THE PRESENT EXTENT OF THE AGENCY'S USE OF JOURNALISTS IN GATHERING INTELLIGENCE.

IN A STATEMENT ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COUNCIL AT A RECENT MEETING IN RACINE, WISC., AND MADE PUBLIC FRIDAY, THE COUNCIL SAID IT WAS "ALARMED AT THE THREAT TO A FREE PRESS" INHERENT IN USING JOURNALISTS "IN THE FULFILLMENT OF VARIOUS FUNCTIONS FOR THE AGENCY."

"THE COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA MAKE KNOWN THE PRESENT EXTENT OF SUCH EMPLOYMENT AND WHETHER SUCH A PRACTICE IS PRESENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED," THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE MATTER CAME UP NOV. 6 WHEN COLBY TOLD THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE THAT THE CIA HAD USED NEWS REPORTERS ABROAD FOR INTELLIGENCE WORK.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN A TELEGRAM TO CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY, UPI PRESIDENT ROD BEATON ASKED COLBY TO DISCLOSE PUBLICLY WHETHER ANYONE CONNECTED WITH UPI HAD DONE WORK FOR THE CIA.

BEATON SAID UPI POLICY "STRICTLY FORBIDS ANY ASSOCIATION WITH ANY INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AGENCY" AND THE SITUATION SHOULD BE CLEARED UP "OTHERWISE DOUBT HAS BEEN CAST ON THE CREDIBILITY OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED NEWS SERVICE REPORTERS WHO WORK IN OVERSEAS POSTS."

COLBY TO DATE HAS NOT REPLIED TO BEATON'S TELEGRAM.

THE NEWS COUNCIL STATEMENT URGED THAT IF SUCH CIA PRACTICE STILL EXISTS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA SHOULD ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE ORDER TERMINATING SUCH EMPLOYMENT OF JOURNALISTS AND TO MAKE THE ORDER PUBLIC.

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